



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors: Giuliano et al.  
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For: INTEGRATED CHARGE RING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

MAIL STOP CONVERSION  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

It is requested that, prior to initial examination of the application, the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment and that initial examination be made in view of the following amendments.

If additional fees are incurred because of this Preliminary Amendment and not included, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said additional fees, as well as credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.